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SAY FRIENDS, WHILE

"Enjoyed His Share of Christ-

mas Goose," Is Claim.

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SAILS FROM NEW YORK

Carries Message of Encouragement

to President of Irish

Republic.

LONDON, January 1.-Eamonn

Valera is in Ireland, where he en-

joyed his share of the Christmas

"goose," it was declared today at a

meeting of the Irish Vigilance Society

by Tim McNulty, who presided. The

Evening News says that word of de

Valera's arrival in Ireland caused a

sensation in Dublin. His intimate po-

litical friends, however, could not

be induced to admit even the prob-

ability of his having landed, the

DUBLIN, January 1.-Leading Sinn

Feiners and government officials

alfke deny knowledge of the arrival

here of Eamonn de Valera. They

assert that he did not arrive on

board the steamer Portia from New

York, and telephonic inquiry at sev-

eral Irish ports failed to reveal that

the "president of the Irish republic"

The dock workers have declined to

unload the Pontia while the soldiers

remain on board. If the troops leave

the steamer the dockers will dis-

charge the cargo, which the military

The crew has been carefully ex-

amined. It is considered that there was no possibility that De Valages on board the vessel when she did in

in Dublin. It is suggested that he

might have got ashore during the

time the vessel was being piloted to

the quay.
Mrs. De Valera has declined to be

It is stated that there would be no

MRS. MACSWINEY SAILS.

surrounded Mrs. MacSwiney as she en-

tered the pier to go on board the steam-

Swiney up the gangplank and into her

brought by her husband's death.

upon America "speedily to relieve the

and the crowd sang Irish airs.

New York's "fighting Sixty-

cause in this country.

can then search ashore.

has made his entry into Ireland.

MRS. MACSWINEY

By the Associated Press.

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DE VALERA IN ERIN,

## DENIES BUYING THRONE FOR KING CONSTANTINE

"American at Heart," Princess Anastasia, BRITISH SEARCH ON Formerly Mrs. Leeds, Declares She Is Not Working for Kaiser, She "Hating. Germans."

By the Associated Press

ATHENS, December 31.-Princess Anastasia, the American - born wife of Prince Christopher of Greece, says she remains an American at heart. She denies that her money purchased back the throne of Greece for King Constantine, and also that she is working to restore former Emperor William of Germany. She hates the Germans, she declared, as also does King Constantine, who, she declares, has

no relation with William. "I am still an American at heart," said Princess Anastasia to the Associated Press today. "I did not marry to get a title. The fact that my husband is a prince is against him. I had known him ever since 1912, and when it was a question of marriage I waited to see if Greece would be against the allies, in which case I would not have married Christopher."

Anastasia was seen in the palace of Nicholas in the west suite on the second floor. She appeared to be calm and contented.

"Today," Anastasia continued, "I regard the king and his family as pro-ally. He told me that he three times tried to put Greece in the war on the side of the allies, and that the last time he received no answer.
"It is nonsense, these reports that

my money bought back the throne. In the first place, I cannot take the principal of my fortune from the United States. I enjoy only the in-

"Also it is nonsense that I am

working to restore the kaiser. I hate the Germans, as also does the king, who has no relations with the kaiser' Queen Sophie is bowed down with sorrow. She is a broken woman because of the death of Alexander, her favorite

"I am determined to keep out of politics. I do not wish to meddle in this dreadful mess. I am leading my own life and going where I please.

"My son" (William B. Leeds, jr., son of the late American "tin plate king' and Anastasia) "will remain in America, where his father made a great name which he must carry on. My son should now be in school in England, but he is traveling with my sister because he has asthma. If he were not asthmatic I would try to put him in the American Navy, but he would be unable to pass the medical examinations. For the same reason he cannot enter the Army. Despite his handicap of being a rich man's son, he is a bright boy, and I am sure that he will make a name for himself, possibly in a diplomatic

"My life here is a simple one. I frequently meet at meals the rest of the family, all of whom are kind, religious people.

"The Greks are most pleasant to me, the soldiers and peasants send-ing me flowers and trinkets. It is my plan to get a house here for winters and keep up in England during the summers. Also I shall visit my own country. I probably will go there next winter."

New Army Will Rival Old, Says Gen. von Seecht. need to arrest De Valera on the old charge against him, that of having Basis of Kaiser's Hopes.

BERLIN, January 1.-- In his New tion of order in Ireland act. The Year message to the army, Maj. Gen. Griffith, founder of the Sinn Fein or- in-chief, refers to the necessity of ganization, and Prof. John MacNeill, the soldiers deseting themselves sident of the Sinn Fein Volunteers, wholly to their calling.

is the desire of the government to "We will keep our sword sharp an ascertain the responsibility for the our shield untarnished," says the alleged employment of republican message. "Inspired by such a true funds on ambuscades and other opera-tions involving the loss of the lives conception of honor and of patriotism and by this feeling of responsibility of troops, and it is said this desire the new army will be able to rival leged source of the funds. living member of the whole body of there would be no difficulty in De living member of the whole body of Valera remaining hidden here as long and will gain and keep the esteem as he chooses, as there are many per- and affection of all. Even after the sons who would not rick harboring abolition of general conscription the the average suspect who would give army must and will thus remain a him asylum. The expectation is that real national army."

if De Valera is in Dublin he first will ARMY ABOVE STATE LAW. consult his intimates and then make

known his presence and await ar-Kaiser's Dream of Returning to Throne Not Built Upon Sand. NEW YORK, January 1 .- Mrs. By Cable to The Star.

Muriel MacSwiney, widow of the late BERLIN, January 1.-That the exlord mayor of Cork, sailed away from kaiser's hopes of the return of the America today, carrying to Eamonn de Hohenzollern dynasty are not built Valera, "president of the Irish repub- on sand, but on the rock that for lie," a message that "all is well" more than half a century has been among the sympathizers with his the very keystone of Germany-the German army-was quite plainly in-This message to the Sinn Fein leader dicated by Herr Scheidemann, when was sent by his secretary, Harry he accused Herr Gessler, minister of Boland, who announced yesterday that defense, of being nothing but a mere his "chief" had landed in Erin to direct shadow, while the real power was in the Irish fight for independence, after the hands of the chief of the general apending fifteen months in this country. staff, Gen. von Seecht. Several hundred Irish sympathizers

Great Dunger to Peace.

While apparently wiped out by the treaty of Versailles, the German army ship Panhandle State, bearing aloft the today still remains a state within the three striped banners of Ireland's "restate, which does not submit to the Ninth" Regiment Band serenaded her, ordinary laws nor even pretend to recognize the German republic. The explanation of this fact, which contains Nine little girls costumed in green, the greatest danger to the future orange and white escorted Mrs. Macpeace of the world, lies in the peculiar character of the German mind and the steamer suite, fragrant with roses sent knowledge of the German people of

The widow of Terence MacSwiney. Once before, only a little more than who starved himself to death in a century ago, after the battle of Brixton prison, London, came to the Jena, Prussia passed through a crisis United States several weeks ago to which in many ways resembles the testify before the committee of one present situation. At that time the hundred investigating affairs in Ire- resurrection from the country's deepland. Today she said the expressions est degradation came wihin seven of sympathy she had received in years of the battle of Leipzig, and the America had carried sunshine "into hope that history will repeat itself the very depths of the sorrow" and in the same manner-through the German army-is deeply embedded in States naval seaplane NC-5 flew from In a farewell message, she called the German breast.

the history of their country.

Think of Vindication.

devastation of Ireland, and help it to The thought of vindication through stand by your side, a free and indeforce of arms is to be found in practically every German. At the presen She pictured Ireland as the victim time the German national party is the "of such cruelty and crime that even only one to voice it openly, but it lies its tormenters condemn themselves dormant even in the most radical so as they strike, where no home is safe cialist.

from the firebrand and ravisher, and The growth of this thought for re no person is sure of his life from day venge for the defeat suffered in 1918 to day-all this because she seeks to may be measured through an infinite walk in the path of liberty, which multitude of little details. The passive resistance shown against the attempts of the present government loyally to carry out the conditions of the peace treaty is only made possible through the co-operation of the will of millions of individuals, and in a number of cases the resistance already has passed from

the passive to the active stage. That the German people, through the signature of its government and the Angola, in Africa. ratification of the treaty by its elected assembly, has bound itself to live up to participating in the protections, the early part of the week reported missioners are now free to reach a the treaty signifies nothing to the av- which the Portugues will that Samuel Gompers would attend the conclusion on the track extension erage German jesuitic mind.

## FAMOUS 'COAL OIL JOHNNY' IS DEAD IN OMAHA, NEB.

OMAHA, Neb., January 1 .- John W. Steele, known widely in the east haif a century ago as "Coal Oil Johnny," reputed then to have spent a comfortable fortune when oil was discovered on his Pennsylvania land, ded of pneumonia yeshe was station agent for the Chi-cago, Burlington and Quincy rall-

Steele, who was born in Shak-leyville, Pa., in 1848, when a young man is said to have attracted considerable attention in New York by throwing away money to boys and men on the street, apparently because he liked to see them scramble for it. He came west forty-five years ago, and had been in 'the Burlington's employ for thirty-seven years.

Eight years ago Steele worked as a truckman at Fort Crook, but later became agent for the railroad. His wife says that after the discovery of oil on his Pennsylvania land years ago, the money flowed in as a royalty. They were married at the time. The publicity which the newspapers gave his newly acquired wealth and the manner in which he enjoyed spending it made him an object of interest wherever he went.

When he came west and the days of royalties were over, he flatly refused to tell of his experiences and regarded that part of his career as a closed book.

The stories about "Coal Oil Johnny" never represented him as gambling or making a profligate use of his wealth, but rather as enjoying the sight of others getting what was so difficult to obtain. Attending a theater in Pittsburgh one day, the story is that he stepped out of his box when a black-faced comedian finished a song and handed the man a \$1,000 bill and asked him to sing it again. The family lived in the station house in four tiny rooms.

### SEAPLANE N C-5 MAKES **NEW NON-STOP RECORD**

Flies With Pilot and Five Passengers From San Diego to Magdalena Bay in 9 Hrs. 15 Mins.

SAN DIEGO. January 1.-Establishing a new American non-stop duration record for pilot and five passengers for seaplanes, the United San Diego, Calif., to Magdalena bay, Lower California, in the remarkable time of nine hours and fifteen minutes today.

## PORTUGAL SEEKING AID.

American Bankers Negotiating With Government.

MADRID, January 1 .- Representaives of an important American financial group are reported to be negotiating with the Portuguese government with reference to monetary and material assistance for Portugal. The group is said to be prepared to furnish all the necessary aid for restoring Portugal's economic conditions, receiving in return concessions in the Portuguese colony of

Some Spanish financiers also are discuss during the contra week.



Motorists Told to Deposit **Collateral or Meet Officer** in Courtroom.

Washington today who are satisfied the police department was not "bluffng" when it announced that car own ers would be liable to arrest if they ventured out of their garages yester-day without 1921 license tags.

That number of drivers were halted by policemen and told either to go to a station house and deposit \$5 col-lateral or to meet the officer in court

omorrow.

The license office in the District unding was kept open four hours who failed to get tags during December, but it is the belief of District officials that there are still scores of machine swners who have not ob-tained the 1921 plates.

If any of these unfortunate ones

should attempt to go driving today the total of arrests will run higher. Many May Forfeit.

A considerable number of those who were halted yesterday left collateral at station houses, and many of them no doubt will charge up their deposit to experience and forfeit the money. It is expected, however, that scores of others will appear in Police Court tomorrow in an effort to save the payment of a penalty, and if they do it will be a busy day for that tribunal. The fact that a holiday and a Sunlay came together will in itself create a big Police Court docket, and when the "tagless motorists" are added to the other defendants it probably will be necessary for the court to postpone some of the hear- plies.

If a large number of the motorists charged with not having 1921 tags appear in court it will furnish striking example of the need for a raffic court.

Many Alibin Heard

Policemen are well trained in the art of listening to alibis, but yeserday they heard many new ones from the forgetful motorists who allowed the new year to creep up and catch them without a new license

Last year the Commissioners extended the time limit for obtaining tags until January 15, but in doing so they were prompted by the fact that the tags did not arrive until the middle of December. This year the need for a new line to relieve conthe tags were ready for distribution on December 1 and car owners were warned not to wait until the end of the month and be caught in the

Wade H. Coombs, superintendent of licenses; Chatham M. Towers, colector of taxes, and about thirty employes of the tax and license offices volunteered to work from 10 to 2 1,000 tags were issued.

Here is how the motorists were caught yesterday in the different sixty-five; third, three; fourth, nine; fifth, three; sixth, six; seventh, four; eighth, forty-six; ninth, twenty-five; tenth, fifteen, and Tenleytown sub-

## LABOR MEN TO MEXICO.

Will Attend Convention There This Month; Gompers May Go. -

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, January 1 .delegation of prominent labor leaders of the United States is expected to City of Mexico, where they will attend a labor congress, according to information received here today by F. L. Orr, district passenger agent of the International and Great Northern railroad. Dispatches from the City of Mexico

## **JUGOSLAV TROOPS** AWE COMMUNISTS DURING STRIKE BELGRADE, Jugoslavia, Decem-

ber 31.-Government troops today occupied the headquarters of the communist party throughout Jugoslavia to prevent disorders during a twenty-four hour strike called in' sympathy with the communist agitation, which is alleged by the government to be designed to in-

cite uprisings in several towns.

The communist newspaper in
Belgrade has been suppressed.
Eighty persons alleged to have had
weapons in their homes have been

**Utilities Board Not Expected** to Order More Tracks Laid at the Present Time.

The Public Utilities Commission, it is expected, will render a decision within two or three weeks on the question of whether Washington needs additional street car lines at this time.

Belief prevails in some quarters that the commission will not insist upon the immediate laying of new lines, even if they are found to be necessary. This belief is based on the hope that rails, cement and other materials entering into track work will decline in price in the near future.

An official of one of the street railway companies said he has received no indication vet of reductions in the cost of track materials, but the present trend toward an industrial readjustment may be reflected in the cost of track sup-

Three Projects Before Board.

There are three projects before the mission for determination, namely: Should a north and south line be built west of 14th street to relieve conges tion on the 14th street tracks of the Capital Traction Company.

Should an east and west line be con structed on M street, from 7th street southwest to 8th or 11th streets southeast for the benefit of navy yard employes, and also to afford direct communication between the southeast and southwest sections.

Should tracks be built on New Jersey avenue southeast, from E street to the has been opposed to the proposal that proposed new line on M street. When the commission held hearings on these propositions in November there that it could not give the relief that was an abundance of evidence to show

gestion on the 14th street tracks. Extension Most Likely. There is believed to be more proba

bility of the commission ordering north and south line west of 14th street than there is for the other two ex The Capital Traction Company may

be directed. however, to extend its o'clock yesterday, and approximately tracks several blocks westward on M street southeast from the 8th street harn for the accommedation of hundreds of navy yard workers who must parts of the city: First precinct, enter the yard at the 4th street gate. Before, ordering any track extensions the commission, it is understood, will consider carefully whether the proposed new lines would prove useful if the two companies were consolidated. They will look into this phase of the situation because of the hope that at some time a merger will be brought about.

Request by President Ham. At the track extension hearing Wil-

iam F. Ham, president of the W. R. and E. asked the commission to con sider carefully the effect which a line on 17th street from U street to Pennarrive here January 6, en route to the sylvania avenue would have on the service of the W. R. & E. on H street between 14th and 17th streets.

With the rate of fare disposed of and the hearings before congressions committees on the District appropriation bill practically over the Com question,

# VETO IS EXPECTED

President to Return It to Congress This Week, It Is Rumored.

he re-establishment of the War vealed. Finance Corporation. In fact, it was veto, setting forth his reasons for re- retary of State, and G. Dawes of Illinois sations and approved on December The veto may be sent in tomorrow, it was said.

Aimed to All Parmers.

The Gronna resolution was pu through in an effort to aid the farmers of the country, who have beer hard hit by falling prices. The reestablishment of the War Finance Corporation, with its authority to finance exportations of foodstuffs as well as other goods destined for foreign trade, would give the farmers an opportunity to dispose of stocks which they are now having a hard time marketing, it was said. If the President vetoes the resolu-

tion, undoubtedly an effort will be made to pass the measure over the veto. In neither house was a record vote taken on the passage of the resolution, but the members of Congress from the western and southern agricultural states stood strongly in favor of the measure, republicans and democrats alike. Supporters of the measure are confident they can muster votes enough to pass the resolution over the veto, if it comes. Senator Gronna of North Dakota, chairman of the Senate committee on agriculture, whose name is attached to the resolution, last night expressed the hope that the report that the President Intended to veto the resolution was unfounded. .

Only Burden, Says Houston

He said that the people of the country were watching with great interest to see what was done with the measure, believing that it would result in relieving the present situation. He insisted that it would not embarrass the Treasury.

Secretary Houston of the Treasury the War Finance Corporation be reestablished, however, on the ground is expected, and that it would merely add to the financial burdens now carried by the government.

ion is the only concrete step so far taken by Congress to meet the de-(Continued on Page 3, Column 4.)

The passage of the Gronna resolu-

## PEOPLE STARVING; STOPS BANQUET IN OWN HONOR

By the Associated Press.

BALTIMORE, Md., January 1.— Rev. Charles B. Schrantz, president emeritus of St. Charles College, 'a Catholic institution near here, has refused to join in a celebration and banquet in his honor prepared by the Sulpician priests on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination, because he said:

resary of his ordination, because he said:

"I will not join in any celebration as long as there are starving people in Europe."

Because of his attitude the celebration was abandoned, although priests and bishops were expected from all over the country, and 1,000 priests who had been under his instruction wished to make a formal avowal of their gratitude.

Father Schrantz said the times were "too bad and too sad" for the celebration of even a golden jubilee. The money which would be required, he said, "could be so much better employed for the relief of the heart-rending distress of thousands upon thousands of of thousands upon thousands of our fellow men who are literally dying from cold, hunger and desnair."

# HANG IN BALANCE

Political Conferences Lead to Further Shifting of Slate.

MARION, Ohio, January 1.-Althous portant appointments to his cabinet, it was indicated today that he had not committee on appropriations of the yet committed himself to a definite decision in regard to any of the ten places in his official family. During the past few days he has reviewed the entire Ballou and Dr. Simon follows: field of availables in conference with formation obtained from reliable though the discussions have led to fur by the committee on appropriations sources last night, will send to Con- ther shifting about of tentatively ar- of the Senate the Commissioners of gress early this week a veto of the ranged cabinet seats, no development the District and the board of educa-Gronna joint resolution calling for of a positive character has been re- tion were invited by the committee

rumored that the President has pre- Charles Evans Hughes of New York con- ly the building program as presented pared a message to accompany the tinues the most-talked of man for Sec- to the representatives of civic organi-Treasury, although for the latter post cation to the District Commissioners. Charles D. Hilles of New York and John W. Weeks of Massachusetts still are mentioned as possibilities. Mr. Weeks, the building program of the board of however, is more generally regarded as education those items which should a likely Secretary of the Navy.

Others In Cossin.

Others who keep to the front in the superintendent transmitted such cabinet speculation are Harry M. information to the Commissioners on Daugherty of Ohio, most frequently December 27. mentioned for Attorney General; Will H. Hays of Indiana, discussed for put forward for Secretary of Agri-

Regarding the secretaryship of war speculation has taken a less definite trend. During the past few days A. It is gratifying to school officials that T. Hert of Kentucky has been mentioned conspicuously for the place, make provisions for 128 classrooms. but everything has indicated that Mr. Harding is far from a decision on the point. Like Mr. Weeks, Mr. Hert is considered by many as certain to have some position in the tron desire to state that in their

Undecided On Two Posts.

The President-elect is said to be entirely undecided in regard to secretaryships of the interior and commerce, which may be filled at the considered for other cabinet posts, at their command. but displaced in the final allotment of the portfolios of higher rank, of education believe that at this time There has been some talk of George the paramount need in the school sys-Sutherland of Utah for Secretary of tem is better schoolhouse accommo-Interior, but some of his close friends dations for the children. Other edusay he is more likely to receive a cational improvements must await the place on the Supreme bench.

It is understood that no positive ac- building program of the board of edution has been taken in regard to the cation was estimated to cost about appointment of a secretary to the \$5,000,000. In vieweof the present cost President, but the general belief is of construction, of the ever-increasing that the position will go to George B. number of pupils to be accommodated, Christian, who has been Mr. Harding's and of the impossibility of construc-(Continued on Page 3, Column 5.)

The cardinal awoke this morn-

ing from a refreshing sleep, "feel-

ing like a new man," according to

Father Smith. He spent the day

quietly but pleasantly, no alarm-

ing sinking spells and with nothing to excite him. No visitors

It was hoped that he would be

able to sleep well tonight also, and those in attendance on him

were greatly encouraged, although

## Cardinal Is Cheered Greatly By Message From President

By the Associated Press BALTIMORE, January 1 .- Cardi-

nal Gibbons was cheered greatly toright by a message of sympathy received from President Wilson, and it was reported at the home of Robert T. Shriver, at Union Mills. where he has been confined during his iliness, that he was much improved over his condition yester-

The message sent by the President's secretary, Joseph P. umulty, to Bishop Owen B. Corrigan, was as follows:

"The President has learned with sympathy and distress of the cardinal's illness, and hopes that he may very soon hear of a decided turn for the better."

The bishop had the message phoned to the cardinal's secretary,

the Rev. Albert E. Smith, at Mr.

Shriver's home, who transmitted it

to the cardinal.

they realized that his condition still was dangerous and liable to another sudden turn for the worse, as yesterday. The President late last night received a telegram in reply from

were allowed to see him.

"From my sick bed I send you my heartfelt thanks for your solicitude in my regard, and I pray God may bring you every blessing in this new

## PROVIDE 128 NEW

FIVE CENTS.

D. C. SCHOOLROOMS

Statement by Ballou and

Simon Keveals Details

Sent to Senate. COMMISSIONERS LAUDED

Provision for Buildings as Indicated In Toward Total of 183 K W Rooms Needed.

FOR CORDIAL SUPPORT

Suprementary estimates for new schoo' auildings recently sent to the Sena n subcommittee on appropriations by the District Commissioners will provide 128 of the 183 additional clarerooms indicated as needed to relieve overcrowded conditions. This wes revealed last night in a joint statement by Supt. of Schools Frank W. Ballou and Dr. Abram Simon, resident of the board of education. The statement followed a confersace yesterday between the superin-

rendent and the board president. Th declaration of the school officials lauded the Commissioners for their "cordial and sympathetic" support in the development of the building project.

It has been previously stated that the school board, in its additional building budget, asked for approximately \$3,500,000 to begin work immediately on the proposed schoolhouse program. About \$1,000,000 was President-elect Harding has about made cut from the \$3,500,000 by the Comup his mind on several of the most im- missioners when they sent their supplementary estimates to . the sub-

Statement by Officials.

The statement made public by Dr. "At the close of the hearings on the his closest political advisers, and al- estimates for the public schools held to present estimates for additional In circles close to the President-elect, schoolhouse construction, According-

> "Recently the superintendent of schools was requested to indicate in be "preferred" in case the whole program could not be undertaken at this time. In compliance with this request

"An analysis of the Commissioners' estimates shows that, with a few ex-Postmaster General or Secretary of ceptions "proferred items" were inthe Interior; Henry Wallace of Iowa, cluded. The Commissioners found it possible to reduce the board's aggreculture, and Herbert Hoover of Cali- gate estimates by \$291,000. They elimfornia, whose name frequently has insted one four-room addition; they been coupled with the portfolio of changed one sixteen-room addition to labor, but who has been regarded in an eight-room addition; and they the light of recent developments as added an item of \$50,000 for artificial a more likely choice for Secretary of lighting of buildings. Out of the \$74.-600 requested for additions to schoolyards the Commissioners included one item o? \$14,000 for the Peabody School.

> the estimates of the Commissioners Need All Those Listed.

"The superintendent of schools and the president of the board of educajudgment the need for all of the schoolhouses listed in the board of education's building program is so urgent that all those officially responsible in any way for educational conditions in the District of Columbia may feel fully justified in supporting last moment by men prominently that program with all the resources

"The superintendent and the board satisfying of this need. The total tion of the usual number of buildings during the past five or more years, this sum ought not to appear extravagant. It is to bring schoolhouse construction up to date.

Praise for Commissioners.

"In the development of its building program the Commissioners of the District have rendered invaluable assistance to the board of education They also reviewed the other estimates of the board of education with sympathetic consideration. They have, at all times, taken a keen interest in the educational needs. The relations of the Commissioners and the board of education have, 12 every wey, been most cordial and sympathetie.

"The school authorities believe, of course, that they understand the needs of the schools. They do not pretend to be equally well informed about other needs. The school officials gladly accede to the judgment of the Commissioners in their attempt to provide for the comparative needs of the whole District. The Commissioners are best able to judge what those comparative needs are. School officials do not ask or expect the District Commissioners to give school needs a comparative place higher than, in their opinion, the public regard for sound education would justly entitle them."

### sion of firearms was shown here today when a court-martial sentenced a man to seven years' penal servitude for possessing a revolver and seventyfive rounds of cartridges. A solicitor

was sentenced to six months' imammunition.

the United States first made.' ENFORCE WEAPON LAW. LONDONDERRY, January 1 .- The rigor with which the authorities are enforcing the law against the posses-

pendent nation.